

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 1, lines 13, as follows:

~~FLUORESCENT SUBSTANCE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME,~~  
~~ILLUMINATOR AND IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE~~

NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT

The assignee of the present application, NATIONAL INSTITUTE  
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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a fluorescent substance having a  $\beta$ -type  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  crystal structure, ~~a method for manufacturing the same and its use. More specifically, the said use relates to an illuminator and an image display device which utilize the properties of said fluorescent substance, namely, the characteristics~~ emitting a green fluorescent light having an emitted light peak between 500nm and 600nm in wavelength by being excited by an ultraviolet light or a visible light of 250nm to 500nm in wavelength or an electron beam.